

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A portable personal server device comprising:

[[A]] a local server [[means]] for processing data between itself and a communication terminal equipped with a network connection means;

[[A]] a network server [[means]] for processing data between itself and a network connected to the communication terminal by said communication terminal's network connection function;

[[An]] an individual ~~authentication means~~ authenticator for authenticating an individual based on ~~biological~~ biometric information; and

[[A]] a control [[means]] that makes said local server [[means]] and said network [[means]] useable only when authenticated by said individual ~~authentication means~~ authenticator.

2. (Currently amended) A portable personal server device according to claim 1, wherein said individual ~~authentication means~~ authenticator is equipped with a ~~biological~~ biometric information recognition device ~~such as a fingerprint sensor, etc.,~~ and authenticates an individual according to whether or not ~~biological~~ biometric information read by the ~~biological~~ biometric information recognition device matches registered ~~biological~~ biometric information that was previously registered.

3. (Currently amended) A portable personal server device according to claim 2, ~~wherein it comprises~~ further comprising a data ~~encryption means~~ encryptor for encrypting stored data using said read ~~biological~~ biometric information.

4. (Currently amended) A portable personal server device according to claim 2, ~~wherein it comprises~~ further comprising a communication ~~encryption means~~ encryptor that, when said read ~~biological~~ biometric information matches said registered ~~biological~~ biometric information, generates and retains a key used in a public key encryption system based on said read ~~biological~~ biometric information, and encrypts the data to be sent using the key.

5. (Currently amended) A portable personal server device according to any of claims 1 through 4, ~~wherein it comprises~~ further comprising a communication cable for connecting to said communication terminal[,], and ~~it receives~~ receiving power from said communication terminal via said communication cable.

6. (Currently amended) A portable personal server device according to claim 5, wherein said communication cable is USB.